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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

C O N F I D D Y W T I A L PRAGUE 2839

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CZ, AU

1. WITH AUSTRIAL MINISTER TO PRAGUE NOW BACK AT HIS POST FOLLOWING HIS WITHDRAWAL LAST SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE LEARNED OF STEPS WHICH AUSTRIANS ACCEPTED AS COUNTERVAILING CZECH ACTIONS ON LAST SUMMER'S AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS WHICH PRECIPITATED HIS DEPARTURE.

2. TO TAKE CURSE OFF CZECH REFUSAL TO ACCEPT OR EVEN RECEIVE PROTEST NOTE HERE FOLLOWING SECOND PLANE DOWNING, AUSTRIANS RE-DELIVERED IDENTICAL NOTE IN VIENNA. STIPULATING CHANGE IN VENUE, WHICH AT LEAST PUT TEXT ON NEW SHEET OF PAPER, CZECHS ACCEPTED PROTEST. THIS ACT, COUPLED WITH AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH SIGNATURE OF THREE MODEST AGREEMENTS (TWO ON BORDER QUESTIONS, ONE ON WATER RESOURCES) NEGOTIATED EARLIER THIS YEAR, SATISFIED AUSTRIANS THAT RELATIONS WERE AT LEAST NO WORSE THAN BEFORE MINISTER WAS RECALLED.

3. AUSTRIANS NOW ANTICIPATE ANOTHER TRY AT FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS EARLY IN NEW YEAR. RESOLUTION OF THIS TOUGH ISSUE, ON WHICH PARTIES EVIDENTLY REMAIN FAR APART, COULD BRING END TO STRAIN IN RELATIONS WHICH HAS PERSISTED SO LONG. IN A MAJOR ADDRESS TO FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL DECLARED CZECHS WERE READY TO PROCEED TO NORMALIZATION IF  
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AUSTRIANS HAD INTEREST AND GOOD WILL. WITH OTHER WESTERN

NEIGHBOR NOW ON BOARD, CZECHS PROBABLY WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE  
PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION, BUT MAY NEVERTHELESS REMAIN TOUGH  
ON CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.  
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